

RICHMOND PEARSON HOBSON AND OTHERS.

JUNE 29, 1898.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HILBORN, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. Res. 290.]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the House resolution (H. Res. 290) tendering the thanks of Congress to Assistant Naval Constructor Richmond Pearson Hobson and to the volunteer crew of the *Merrimac*, and authorizing the transfer of Assistant Naval Constructor Hobson from the Construction Corps to the line of the United States Navy, have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do pass.

The President, in his message of the 27th instant, fully sets forth the merits of Lieutenant Hobson and his crew for their heroic act in sinking the U. S. S. *Merrimac* in the mouth of Santiago Harbor, and this resolution is simply in harmony with the views of the Navy Department, as well as the expressions of the President.

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